

Deputies' Meeting

Thursday, 6 November 1952

PRESENT: General Smith, Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Amory, [redacted]

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General Smith:

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b. Raised the question of support for [redacted] and, after some discussion, Mr. Dulles undertook to furnish recommendations on this matter to the DCI.

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c. Noted that the proposed number of officers authorized to release cables was much too great and stated that (1) this number should be cut about one third; (2) in the larger divisions, the first three or four principal officers should receive this authority. During periods any of these people were absent from duty the next ranking officer in the office and/or division concerned would act as an alternate. (3) It would be the responsibility of the Deputies, Assistant Directors, and Division Chiefs to insure that alternate officers released cables only when a principal officer was absent from duty. After some discussion, the DCI directed [redacted] to resubmit the list along the above lines.

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Briefly noted his views on the Iranian paper to be considered by the NSC Senior Staff at its meeting this afternoon. After some discussion wherein it was reported that this paper would be considered by the IAC at 10:30, Mr. Dulles asked Mr. Amory to brief him on the results prior to the NSC Senior Staff meeting. In connection with the present situation in Iran, the Director stated that we should be able to obtain a good deal of information [redacted]

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b. Noted he had received a copy of a letter sent to Secretary Chapman concerning the [redacted] The Director stated we should stay clear of this dilemma.

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Mr. Wolf:

a. Noted he was discussing the proposed changes in our legislation with Mr. Macy of the Bureau of the Budget today.

b. Briefly reported on the status of a medal to be struck for distinguished civilian government service. The Director stated that (1) he had no objection to other governmental agencies "getting in on the act"; (2) he did not wish to use the Medal for Freedom since it could only be awarded for overseas service.

c. Briefly reported on a discussion with PBS in regard to a new CIA building.

d. Noted that the Director might receive a telephone call from [redacted] and, if such a call was completed, he would like to know the results.

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Mr. Wisner:

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a. Reported that the [redacted] operation discussed at the Deputies' Meeting on 27 October was put into action on 31 October and the first results had been furnished the Department of State. After some discussion as to the advisability of informing the FBI of this matter, the Director stated before this was done he would review this whole matter with either the Under Secretary and/or the Secretary of State. In connection with dissemination of the information obtained from this source, the Director approved DD/I and AD/CI receiving it on an eyes only basis in addition to the high level dissemination made to the Department of State.

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